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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the government is implementing any scheme for the welfare of the orphan children in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The financial assistance allocated and released to the State Governments/Union Territory administrations and NGOs for implementation of the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise and NGO-wise;

(d) The details of utilization of financial assistance provided under the schemes by each State Government/Union Territory administration and NGO during the said period;

(e)The details of cases of misutilisation of funds by State Government/Union Territory administrations and NGOs have been reported and the action taken thereon; and

(f) The measures taken by the Government for proper monitoring of funds utilisation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b)Yes Sir. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment through its autonomous authority-Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is implementing the `Scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for children to Promote In-country Adoption. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and Government Institutions for institutional care within the country for care and protection of infants and children up to 6 years of age who are either abandoned or orphaned/destitute and their rehabilitation through in-country adoption.

(c), (d) & (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f)State Governments/Union Territory Administration furnish progress as well as inspection reports on the utilization of grants by organizations implementing the projects under the scheme. Besides, the Central Adoption Resource Authority

(CARA) also monitors the proper utilization of the grant through a reporting system and direct physical inspection of the projects.